New Trade Fair Centres in Rajasthan

3104. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up New Trade Fair Centres in Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, what will be the total cost of the project and the speciality of these centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Loss of exporting capacity

† 3105. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to the new Exim Policy declared on the advice of World Trade Organisation our exporters will be failed as compared to large exporters of the world and our exporting capacity will be lost and on the other hand in the name of import due to capturing the market by foreign investors we will be fully dependant on imports and our production will also suffer;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard; and

(c) whether the country will be economically slave as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The Export Import Policy seeks to increase the competitiveness of our exporters. Measures like recognising towns of export excellence; efforts to transform specified rural regions as regional rural motors through the concept of the Agricultural Export Zones; making Special Economic Zones more attractive by permitting

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facilities such as overseas banking units, hedging of commodity risks and external commercial borrowings in the Special Economic Zones, etc. are steps in this direction. Similarly introduction of transparent and simple procedure for the various schemes as also grant of special dispensation to status holders would encourage our exporters to show better performance.

On the import front even with removal of Quantitative Restrictions there has not been no appreciable surge in the imports of most commodities. In order to provide level playing field (to domestic producer *vis-a-vis* producers in foreign countries) mandatory ^registration with Bureau of Indian Standards in respect of 133 products have been notified. From time to time Government monitors the situation and if necessary, adjustments in the tariff rates in consultation with the Ministry of Finance are taken recourse to.

Export of key products

† 3106. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not been able to locate the markets for the exports of the products of the key sectors of the country due to which the nation has to incur heavy losses;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have failed to export the agricultural produce of the country due to which that peasants have to incur heavy loss; and

(c) by when Government will be able to export the key products of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY), (a) No, Sir. Exporting merchandise goods by and large, is an activity under private enterprise. However, Government and other agencies connected with international trade help private entrepreneurs in

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